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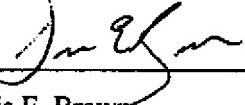
The undersigned, Dennis E. Brawn, declares the following:

1. I am a co-inventor of the claimed subject matter of the captioned application. The technology described and claimed in the captioned patent application was conceived no later than 2001, and was diligently reduced to practice in 2003. The attached documentation in addition to the previously submitted evidence supports this declaration. The documentation shows that the invention was conceived of in 2001 and reduced to practice by April 11, 2003. The documentation included herein was only located within the last three months and was not intentionally withheld from the prior submission or subject of deceptive intent.
2. In particular, I and my co-inventor conceived of the invention in 2001, as evidenced by Exhibit A, which is a copy of a product information book entitled "THE IPRO TECH ADVANTAGE" which was released in 2001 and provides a "Product Capabilities" listing showing binding element capture and retention features.
3. Exhibit B is a copy of meeting minutes of a product development and planning meeting held on October 3, 2000 where the THE IPRO TECH ADVANTAGE book was scheduled for development (See item number 3 under marketing on page 1).

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4. Exhibit C is a copy of meeting notes from a corporate retreat which includes plans for Sales Management to target Level I and Level II customers which is the target audience for the product information book (See pg. 6 of Exhibit C and pgs. 6 and 8 of Exhibit A).
5. In sum, the invention was conceived at least as early as 2001, and the conception of the invention was followed by diligent efforts to reduce the invention to practice, culminating in the actual reduction to practice of the invention in early 2003.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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